



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES

AND

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E) and the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS) are mutually committed to promoting and enhancing competitive employment opportunities for our nation's veterans, enabling every individual to reach his or her life's potential. Through this Memorandum of Understanding, this collaboration of these two organizations will strive to make the best use of each partner's experience, expertise, and record of success in serving disabled veterans in their quest to become contributing members of our nation's workforce.

The International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS) is a not-for-profit association that links 29 health and human services agencies in the United States, Canada, Israel, and Argentina. Through these member agencies, individuals seeking to improve their lives gain access to a vast array of services such as career management, skills training, rehabilitation programs, and health services.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E) is a national employment resource providing customized employment solutions for service-connected disabled veterans.

Through this mutually beneficial agreement, IAJVS and the Department of Veterans Affairs VR&E Service are prepared to work together in bringing enhanced employment opportunities to service connected disabled veterans, leading to greater family economic stability and security.

Specifically, the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services and the US Department of Veterans Affairs agree to:


- Raise awareness of employment opportunities for service-connected disabled veterans.
- Inform local and regional offices of the two organizations about this workforce development partnership.


- Create new lines of communication between the organizations at the regional and local offices to better inform disabled veterans of increased employment opportunities and other available services through this partnership.
- Share local and regional contact information between the two organizations.
- Share this Memorandum of Understanding with respective networks and other mutually agreeable parties nationally and internationally.

This agreement does not in itself authorize the expenditure or reimbursement of any funds. Nothing in this agreement shall obligate the parties to expend appropriations or monies, or to enter into any contract or obligation.

Further, this agreement shall not be interpreted to limit, supersede, or to otherwise affect either party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its mission, or its statutory and regulatory duties.

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding both organizations agree to be active partners in working together to enhance the lives of disabled veterans through increasing employment and training opportunities.

  
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